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A marked-up version of the specification appears below. Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 23 with the following:

Application server 37 may also utilize other criteria, such as business criteria, (either from the service provider or customer), to construct the possible pricing solutions for each fare break combination in step 310. Application server 37 may utilize logic to construct various priceable units, which may be priced as a separate entity. For example, a priceable unit, such as a one-way fare that qualifies for pricing in its own terms independent of any other fare component, may be ticketed separately within an itinerary. Other rules and restrictions may be used to construct the possible pricing solutions, including other business criteria. If more possible pricing solutions exist for the fare break at step 312, then application server 37 returns to step 310 to process more priceable units for the fare break[, or more fare breaks in step 314]. If no more possible pricing solutions exist for the fare break at step 312, then application server 37 may process more fare breaks in step 314.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 11 with the following:

In step 406, application server 37 determines whether the fare is effective as of the travel date. If the effective date is later than the travel date, the fare is not valid for this itinerary, and the method returns to step 414. In one embodiment of the invention, information management system 10 may also provide a guaranteed air fare by additionally determining whether the fare is effective as of the ticketing date. Such a determination may be performed as an additional step or in conjunction with step 406. If the fare is [not] effective as of the travel date (or ticketing date, if applicable), application server 37 proceeds to step 407 to determine whether the fare has been discontinued. If not, the fare may be a valid fare for use in the client itinerary, and application server 37 adds this fare to a set for further rules and routing assessment in step 412. The set may comprise a data structure such as a list or an array.